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Stratiomys longicornis (Scopoli) Dipt.: Stratiomyidae) in East Sussex, VC 14

The Thames Marshes in northern Kent and South Essex are, perhaps, the current national stronghold for this conspicuous species and other locations were mapped by Drake (1991. *Provisonal atlas of the Larger Brachycera (Diptera) of Britain and Ireland*). It may, therefore, be worth mentioning here that on 10.vii.1999 I observed three specimens of *S. longicornis* on the flowers of wild carrot *Daucus carota* along the main roadway at Rye Harbour National Nature Reserve, at O.S. grid reference TQ 9418. These were accompanied by larger numbers of the much more widespread *Stratiomys singularior* (Harris).— Laurence Clemons, 14 St. John's Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4NE.